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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION BETWEEN MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
OFFICE AND MCRO ON FEB. 9, 1977

1. AT 1:30 P.M. ON FEB. 9, 1977, AT THE REQUEST OF MCRO,
NARCOTICS ATTACHE JACQUES I. KIERE AND ASSISTANT ATTACHE
RALPH F. SAUCEDO MET WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL OSCAR
FLORES-SANCHEZ IN ORDER TO RECAP UNDERSTANDINGS AND AGREE-
MENTS THAT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE ATTORNY GENERAL'S
OFFICE AND THE MCRO.

2. MR. KIERE COMPLIMENTED THE AG ON THE GREAT PROGRESS
THAT HAS BEEN MADE ON ALL FRONTS OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS
CAMPAIGN. THE AG SAID THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT ALTHOUGH
THE CAMPAING WAS GOING VERY WELL AND A LARGE NUMBER OF
OPIUM FIELDS HAD BEEN ERADICATED TO DATE, IF ONE STUDIED
THESE FIGURES, IT WOULD BE NOTICED THAT THE AREA WAS
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APPROX THE SAME AS HAD BEEN ERADICATED DURING THE LAST
CAMPAIGN AT THIS STAGE. THIS INDICATED TO HIM THAT THE FIELDS
WERE MUCH MORE NUMEROUS AND SMALLER IN SIZE IN THIS CAM-
PAIGN THAN THEY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY.

3. MR. KIERE PRESENTED TO THE AG A LETTER THAT HE HAD BEEN
REQUESTED BY THE MISSION TO DELIVER TO THE AG REGARDING JOSE

TRINIDAD ROMOS VARGAS. THE AG THANKED HIM FOR THE LETTER AND IN THE PRESENCE OF BOTH MESSRS. KIERE AND SAUCEDO, GAVE ORDERS THAT THE CHARGES BE DROPPED AGAINST THE CUSTOMS INFORMANT AND THAT HE SHOULD BE RELEASED ASAP. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD WANTED DEA INPUT PRIOR TO GIVING THE ORDER OF RELEASING THE PRISONER SINCE IT HAD BEEN A JOINT DEA/MFJP ARREST THAT ORIGINALLY PUT THE MAN IN JAIL.

4. AT THIS POINT, MR. KIERE REQUESTED A MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF, ASSISTANT ATTACHE RALPH F. SAUCEDO, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBA LEYVA, OFICIAL MAYOR BAEZA MELENDEZ AND CHIEF OF THE MFJP GENERAL MEDIOLEA. THE AG IMMEDIATELY STATED THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 P.M. THE SAME DATE AND PROCEEDED TO GIVE THE NECESSARY ORDERS. PLEASANTRIES WERE EXCHANGED BY ALL PRESENT AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

5. AT 6:00 P.M. THE SAME DATE, A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE BETWEEN MR. KIERE, MR. SAUCEDO, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBA LEYVA, OFICIAL MAYOR BAEZA MELENDEZ AND GENERAL MEDIOLEA AND THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE TOUCHED UPON.

6. MR. KIERE STATED THAT DEA MANAGEMENT HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE THEY HAD BRIEFED THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BENSINGER, AND HIS SENIOR STAFF REGARDING THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN MEXICO AND THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MR. BENSINGER AND THE SENIOR STAFF OF THE NECESSITY OF PURSUING A BALANCED NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN MEXICO WHERE IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE PLACED NOT ONLY ON THE ERADICATION OF NARCOTICS BUT ALSO ON THE TRADITIONAL METHODS UTILIZED TO FIGHT NARCOTICS: I.E. ENFORCEMENT, INTELLIGENCE, JOINT PROSECUTIONS (JANUS), PURSUIT OF FUGITIVES, ETC.

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7. THE IMMINENT PRESIDENTIAL VISIT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICAN PRESIDENTS WAS TOUCHED UPON LIGHTLY WHEN MR. KIERE STATED THAT IT WAS VERY LIKELY THAT THE SUBJECT OF NARCOTICS WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE PRESIDENTS. MR. KIERE ASKED IF THE AG WAS ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO AND THE DEPUTY AG STATED THAT THE AG WAS NOT ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT.

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8. THE PROBLEM OF MANPOWER ALLOCATED TO THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS
AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE AG'S OFFICE AND MCRO WERE DISCUSSED IN
DEPTH:

A. FUGITIVES - MR. KIERE STATED THE NECESSITY FOR ASSIGNING
A FUGITIVE COORDINATOR RATHER THAN DIFFUSING THE EFFORTS THROUGH THE
ENTIRE MFJP ORGANIZATION. THE DEPUTY AG STATED THAT HE WOULD ASSIGN
THREE MEN RATHER THAN JUST ONE TO WORK ALONG SIDE THREE OF OUR MEN
ON THE FUGITIVE PROGRAM. GENERAL MENDIOLEA BROUGHT FORTH AN
EXCEPTION AGAINST ONE OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE FUGITIVE PROGRAM AND
THAT WAS THE TEN MOST WANTED LIST. THE BASIS FOR HIS OBJECTION WAS
THAT SINCE AN INFORMAL FUGITIVE EXPULSION PROGRAM WAS CONTEMPLATED
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HE WOULD PREFER THAT WE NOT CIRCULATE
THE LIST OF TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES IN A FASHION THAT WOULD ALERT
LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TO THIS FACT SINCE IT WOULD PLACE BOTH
THE GOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN AWKWARD
POSITION SHOULD THE FACT OF INFORMAL EXPLUSION (WHICH IS QUITE
LEGAL) BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PRESS.

B. JANUS WAS COVERED IN DEPT AND A PLEA FOR MORE MANPOWER
IN THIS AREA WAS AIREC BY MR. KIERE.

C. INTELLIGENCE, AND PRIMARILY INTELLIGENCE HARDWARE, WERE
DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL BY MR. KIERE AND COMMITMENTS WERE ACCEPTED
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BY HIM TO TRAIN THOSE MEXICAN OFFICIALS NECESSARY TO OPERATE AND
PROPERLY UTILIZE AN INTELLIGENCE TOOL BASED ON PATHFINDER I
TECHNIQUES.

O. THE POINT THAT ERADICATION IS NOT THE TOTAL SOLUTION TO THE
NARCOTICS PROBLEM WAS THOROUGHLY REINFORCED. IT WAS AGAIN STATED
THAT IN ORDER TO SUCCEED IT WAS NECESSARY TO PURSUE NARCOTICS

TRAFFICKERS BY ALL AVAILABLE MEANS WHICH MEANT USING THE SAME COMMIT-
MENT IN THE ENFORCEMENT, INTELLIGENCE, JANUS, FUGITIVES, ETC.
PROGRAMS AS WE ARE UTILIZING IN THE ERADICATION PROGRAM. THE
POINT WAS MADE THAT EVEN IF WERE TOTALLY SUCCESSFUL IN ERADICATING
MEXICAN OPIUM, MEXICO WILL ALWAYS BE A TRANSIT COUNTRY FOR
COCAINE, ASIAN HEROIN AND MARIHUANA AND THAT THE TRANSIT PROBLEM
COULD ONLY BE ATTACKED THROUGH TRADITIONAL FORMS OF ENFORCEMENT.
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AFTER WE HAD REQUESTED THAT SIMILAR
MEETINGS TAKE PLACE PERIODICALLY IN ORDER TO INSURE CLOSE
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